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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF SECRETARY VANCE AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN
RABIN AT PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, 1540, FEBRUARY 16,
1977.

1. VANCE: WE HAVE JUST HAD A THOROUGH DISCUSSION WITH THE
PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER LEADERS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE
MILITARY SITUATION AND A NUMBER OF RELATED PROBLEMS, AS WELL
AS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND OTHER SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IT HAS BEEN A VERY HELPFUL AND
USEFUL SET OF TALKS FOR WHICH I AM MOST APPRECIATIVE. I
THINK THAT I NOW HAVE A MUCH CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE
POSITION OF ISRAEL WITH RESPECT TO A NUMBER OF ISSUES
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RELATING TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND I LOOK FORWARD NOW TO
MOVING ON TO OTHER COUNTIRES TO TRY AND OBTAIN A SIMILAR
THOROUGH AND SEARCHING REVIEW OF THE ISSUES AS SEEN IN THOSE
CAPITALS.

2. RABIN: MR. SECRETARY, AS I SAID ON TWO OCCASIONS BEFORE,
WE WELCOME YOU TO YOUR VISIT TO ISRAEL. WE ARE GLAD THAT

ON YOUR FIRST TRIP AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, YOUR FIRST TRIP IS TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND YOUR FIRST STOP IS IN ISRAEL. WE, AT LEAST, SEE IN IT A SIGN THAT THE CLOSE INTIMATE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE GOING TO BE CONTINUED AND ARE GOING TO BE IMPROVED. I BELIEVE THAT IN OUR TALKS, WE HAVE PUT TO YOU ALL OUR POSITIONS, THE REASONS FOR WHAT WE ASPIRE TO, AND WE HOPE THAT YOUR TRIP WILL BE ANOTHER STEP IN THE COMMON EFFORT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL TO MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS A MORE PEACEFUL SITUATION IN THE AREA AND HOPEFULLY TOWARDS PEACE. WE WISH YOU A GOOD STAY AND A NICE TRIP.

3. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOLLOWED:

4. Q: ON THE MATTER OF MILITARY SUPPLIES SUCH AS THE CONCUSSION BOMBS, ...(INAUDIBLE)?

5. VANCE: YES, WE DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF CONCUSSION BOMBS. I INDICATED THAT THIS IS A DECISION WHICH WILL BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT, AND I DO NOT WANT TO COMMENT ON IT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PRESIDENT MAKES HIS DECISION.

6. Q: HOW ABOUT THE Kfir FIGHTERS TO EQUADOR, WAS THAT ALSO DISCUSSED?

7. VANCE: YES, THAT ALSO WAS DISCUSSED, AND WE HEARD THE VIEWS OF ISRAEL WITH RESPECT TO THAT DECISION. AS I INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES, THAT DECISION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE OF OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE INTRODUCTION OF ADVANCED WEAPONS INTO LATIN AMERICA, AND THE DECISION WAS CONSISTENT WITH OUR LONG-STANDING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO NOT SELLING ADVANCED WEAPONS TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

8. Q: ARE YOU INVITING MR. RABIN TO WASHINGTON?

9. VANCE: WE ARE INVITING ALL OF THE LEADERS, INCLUDING MR. RABIN, TO COME TO WASHINGTON IN THE FUTURE TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT. AS TO THE DATES WHEN THOSE VISITS MAY OCCUR, THEY WILL BE WORKED OUT IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALENDARS OF THE VARIOUS CHIEFS OF STATES.

10 Q: WILL THERE BE MORE THAN ONE ISRAELI LEADER INVITED TO WASHINGTON?

11. (LAUGHTER)....

12. VANCE: AS I SAID, WE ARE EXTENDING THE INVITATION TO THE

HEADS OF STATE OF EACH OF THE COUNTIRES INVOLVED.

13. Q: MR. RABIN, DID SECRETARY VANCE'S ANSWER ABOUT THE
KFIR AND ABOUT THE CONCUSSION BOMBS SATISFY YOU? DO YOUR SEE
THESE AMERICAN DECISIONS AS FINAL?

14. RABIN: WELL, IT IS NOT UP TO ME TO PASS ANY JUDGMENT
ABOUT THE AMERICAN DECISIONS OR WHAT MIGHT BE THE AMERICAN
DECISIONS. IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, WE PUT WHAT
WE WANT AND THE REASONS FOR THAT AND WHENEVER THEY HAVE TO BE
TAKEN BY COMMON UNDERSTANDING; I DON'T BELIEVE IT WILL BE
ADVISABLE AT THE PRESENT TO SAY MORE THAN THAT.

15. Q: IS THERE ANY CHANGE IN ISRAEL'S STAND REGARDING THE
PLO AS A NEGOTIATING PARTY?

16. RABIN: THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE: NO.
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17. Q: HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES STAND,
MR. SECRETARY?

18. VANCE: THE ANSWER IS NO.
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